(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

रेलवे पुलों का निर्माण

8096. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों की संख्या क्या है जिनका रेल मंत्री महोदय ने वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान दौरा किया और उन क्षेत्रों की संख्या क्या है जिनमें उन्होंने रेलवे पुल बनाने की अनुमति दी;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि जनवरी-फरवरी, 1995 में अपने बंगलौर दौरे के दौरान उन्होंने बंगलौर में अपने फार्म हाऊस के समीप एक रेलवे पुल बनाने की स्वीकृति दी थी ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस रेलवे पुल पर कुल कितना व्यय होने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी.के. जाफर शरीफ) : (क) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान रेल मंत्री द्वारा सभी नौ क्षेत्रीय रेलों का दौरा किया गया था। इन दौरों के दौरान किसी पुल को मंजूरी नहीं दी गई थी।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Shatabdi Express Train to Jaipur

8097. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Shatabdi Express train to Jaipur has been started to reduce the running time of the fastest train in the Pink City by half;

(b) if so, whether the same is targetted to serve the tourists, particularly the foreign tourists, and if so, whether it will also cover Ajmer-Sherif as is done by the Pink-City; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any other Shatabdi Express has been introduced during the last three months; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) For the convenience of the passengers including the foreign tourists, a Shatabdi Express between New Delhi and Jaipur has been introduced w.e.f. 24.12.94. It is scheduled to leave New Delhi at 0615 Hrs. arriving Jaipur at 1100 Hrs. and in the return direction leaving Jaipur at 1735 Hrs. and arriving New Delhi at 2215 Hrs. This train is proposed to be extended to Ajmer.

(c) No Shatabdi Express has been introduced during February—April, 1995.

Doubling of Solapur-Hotgi and Daund Baramati Section

8098. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for doubling of the Solapur-Hotgi section was included in the 1991-92 works preliminary programme and of the Daund Baramati section in 1992-93 works programme; and

(b) whether the works have not yet been taken up for implementation; if so, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) (i) The works of doubling of Solapur-Hotgi section was included in the Preliminary Works Programme of 1991-92.

(ii) The work of gauge conversion of Daund-Baramati section from narrow gauge to broad gauge, proposed by the Railway in its Preliminary Works Programme for 1992-93, was included in the Railway Budget for 1992-93.

(b) (i) The work of gauge conversion of Daund-Baramati section has already been completed in 1993-94.

(ii) The work of gauge conversion of Solapur-Hotgi-Gadag section has already been included in the Railway Budget for 1993-94, which will achieve the purpose of doubling between Sola pur and Hotgi.

Passenger facilities at South Central Railway station

8099. SHRI YERA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Central Railway propose to embark upon a programme to increase passenger amenities like more seating in Railway stations at Tadepalligudem, Eluru and Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to 1995-96 for these stations; and

(c) the investment proposed for these three railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) As Tadepalligudem, Eluru and Bhimavaram Railway Stations have already been provided with passenger amenities, viz. benches, drinking water, latrines, platform shelters, etc., commensurate with the volume of traffic dealt with; there is no proposal, at present, to augment these facilities.

रेलवे द्वारा समस्तीपुर की उपेक्षा संबंधी समाचार

8100. **श्री दिग्विजय सिंह** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान हिन्दी दैनिक समाचार पत्र "हिन्दुस्तान" में "रेलवे द्वारा समस्तीपुर की उपेक्षा" शीर्षक से हाल ही में प्रकाशित हुये समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और इस मामल में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी.के. जाफर शरीफ) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां । बहरहाल, समस्तीपुर की उपेक्षा नहीं की गई है । चल रहे आमान परिवर्तन के कार्य के कारण कतिपय समस्तीपुर से गुजरने वाली मी०ला० सवायें कम/पुनर्संगिठत करनी पड़ी थी । 1994-95 के दौरान 4007ए/4008ए दिल्ली-समस्तीपुर एक्सप्रेस सप्ताह में दो बार और 5087ए/5088ए जम्मू तवी-बरौनी साप्ताहिक एक्सप्रेस सहित समस्तीपुर के लिये अतिरिक्त सेवायें उपलब्ध कराई गई थी । 1995-96 के दौरान, अमृतसर-बरौनी (सप्ताह में दो बार) और भागलपुर-मुजफ्फरपुर जन सेवा एक्सप्रैस गाड़ियों के अलावा समस्तीपुर-दरभंगा खंड पर बड़ी लाईन पर भी गाड़ी चलाने की योजना बनाई जा रही है ।

Electrification and renovatin of Railway stations in Gujarat

8101. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of electrification and renovation of some railway stations in Gujarat had been undertaken in 1994-95;

(b) if so, the names of the stations and the progress of the work, as on date;